



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Laytonsville Elementary School Repeats as Mayor's Book Club Contest Winner

Gaithersburg, MD – (May 16, 2019) – This spring, more than 200 third grade students in six area elementary schools competed in the 10th Annual Mayor's Book Club Reading Contest, held in conjunction with the Gaithersburg Book Festival. The contest encouraged students to read at least 30 minutes a day over a four-week period. Classes in which a majority of students participated were then entered into a drawing to become the Mayor's Book Club Class of 2019.

Participating schools were Laytonsville, Rosemont, Rachel Carson, South Lake, Strawberry Knoll, and Summit Hall. All participating students are now members of the Mayor's Book Club, and each will receive a certificate and a free kid's meal from The Habit Burger Grill.

Ms. Diane Hudson's class from Laytonsville Elementary School was selected as the winner. Her class also won the Mayor's Book Club Contest in 2018. Mayor Jud Ashman will recognize the winning class at the Gaithersburg Book Festival on Saturday, May 18. The special presentation takes place at 3 p.m. on the Marvin Gaye Stage at the City Hall Concert Pavilion.

The Mayor will also join the winning class before the end of the school year to distribute their Mayor's Book Club membership cards and enjoy a lunch party provided by The Habit Burger Grill.

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About the Gaithersburg Book Festival

The Gaithersburg Book Festival is an annual all-day celebration of books, writers and literary excellence. Quickly becoming one of the premier literary events in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, the 2019 Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall, in Olde Towne Gaithersburg, Md. Activities include author appearances, discussions and book signings; writing workshops; a Children's Village; onsite sales of new and used books; literary exhibitors and food, drink, ice cream and more. FREE admission and shuttle will be available from Shady Grove Metro and Lakeforest Mall. The Gaithersburg Book Festival also hosts author events in Montgomery County throughout the year as a way to encourage continued appreciation for all things literary. For more information please visit www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org or follow on Twitter [@GburgBookFest](https://twitter.com/GburgBookFest). #GBF